

MURDER ENROUTE

Tragedy on a Mississippi Railroad Train

PROMINENT CITIZENS

**Wantonly Murder a Passenger Whom
They Roused From Sleep—They
Attempt to Escape by Cutting the
Engine Off—The Murderous Quar-
tette Captured and in Custody
A Crime Marked by Brutality.**

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 29.—Four white men killed J. M. Rhea, an inoffensive passenger on the train of the Illinois Central railroad, at an early hour this morning at Leland, Miss., cut the locomotive from the train and forced the engineer to run to Cleveland, Miss. All four of the men were arrested. One is in jail at Leland and three are locked up at Shelby. The four men are Ashley Cook, a prominent business man of Cleveland; A. M. Phillips, postmaster at Shelby; Thomas Lauderdale, said to be a relative of Phillips, and a man named Blackman, whose residence is unknown.

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boarded the north-bound train at Le
land at 3 a. m. on their return to Shel
by. J. M. Rhea, an engineer was on
his way to Tatum to take out a loco
motive there was sleeping on a seat in
the smoker.

Cooke had a revolver and Lauderdale and Blackman had Winchester rifles. Walking up the aisle, Phipps was in advance of the party and came in con-

tact with Rhea's legs, which extended out into the aisle. Rhea was awakened, and a quarrel followed during which

one of the four men told Rhea that they could not all stay in the same car and that he would have to get out.

they told him. Thereupon he started out of the car. He had just reached the

door when, it is alleged, the men opened fire upon him and he fell. Conductor George McLaughlin ordered the train back to Leland to leave the corpse.

As soon as Leland was reached the conductor went in search of the sheriff and peace officers.

The four men drove everybody out of the smoker and the adjacent car during the run back to Leland, and when they reached there they covered Ed

ginger Delaney with their guns and told him that if he did not obey their commands they would kill him. He

was compelled to uncouple his engine and when the men mounted the car he was ordered to return to Shelby. Phipps was separated from his com-

At Shelby the others waited for the next train, on which they traveled to Cleveland, where they were arrested without trouble.

DEATH OF ARTHUR PALMER.

Palmer, manager of the Hastings Lumber company, died at his home here today. He went to Southern California in 1885 and was in business there until

1832. He rose to a colonelcy in the national guards. He returned east to engage in manufacturing.

YOUNGS OUTCLASSED.
Philadelphia, Dec. 30.—Joe Youngs of Buffalo was completely outclassed by

Joe Gans of Baltimore tonight in what was to have been a six-round bout. In the fourth round Youngs had enough and retired.

THE POPE'S ILLNESS.

London, Dec. 30.—A dispatch to a news agency from Rome says the pope

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